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Intelligence

VIA: Director, Center for the Study
of Intelligence
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FROM: John F. Pereira
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SUBJECT: Possible Extension for JFK
Assassination Board

1. This memorandum is for your information. At some point, the White House or Congress may ask for your opinion on the subject discussed below.

2. The JFK Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) is considering making a request to Congress to extend the Board's charter for one additional year. Unless Congress agrees to an extension, the Board's charter will expire on 30 September 1997. The Board, whose members were appointed by President Clinton, was established in 1994 by legislation. The original term was two years, but a one-year extension was granted.

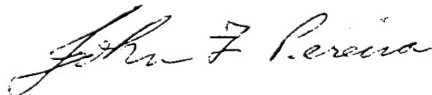
3. We have been advised by the ARRB's Executive Director, David Marwell, that the rationale for requesting an extension would be based on the Board's delay in getting up to speed, and on the large volume of records from the FBI, CIA, and other agencies that the Board must still review.

4. Marwell expects the ARRB to decide in January on whether to seek an extension. He said that the Board would consult with the White House before making a formal request to Congress. We expect the Board, as well as the White House and Congress, to try to determine whether CIA or other agencies would be opposed to an extension.

5. From CIA's point of view, an extension for the ARRB would call for a commitment to continue devoting resources to supporting the Board's efforts. Currently, the Agency has two

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staff officers and 14 independent contractors dedicated full time to JFK matters. Other officers in the Historical Review Group, the Directorate of Operations, and the Office of General Counsel spend substantial amounts of time in responding to requests from the JFK Board.



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